

Media Release

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Top Energy acquisition promises more Far North jobs

Far North electricity lines company, Top Energy has announced the acquisition of an interest in Interscribe, a specialist medical transcription company, for an undisclosed sum.

Interscribe, which was privately owned and based in Auckland, provides outsourced medical transcription services to healthcare professionals in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Using a web-based interface, Medical Transcriptionists listen to dictated recordings made by doctors, radiologists, specialists, surgeons and other healthcare professionals and transcribe them into digital copy patient notes, medical reports, correspondence, and other administrative records. After an initial training period, the Transcriptionists work from home converting voice recordings into text. A specially trained Interscribe supervisor then vets the transcribed reports and edits them for accuracy and clarity. The digital documents are then securely returned, via the Internet, to the healthcare professional who dictated them. The reports are then reviewed, signed off and filed. The documents then become permanent patient records.

According to Top Energy Chief Executive, Roger de Bray his company's investment in Interscribe has a number of benefits including the addition of new business services for its existing customer contact centre, PHONE*plus*, additional revenue and profit streams and the potential to provide more jobs in the Far North.

"Worldwide, the healthcare sector is growing and at the same time most Western country populations are ageing. This means demand for professional medical transcription services will increase. We see the addition of these services as a good fit and a natural progression for our PHONE*plus* contact centre business. There's potential to employ 35 staff within this new division inside 12 months", Mr. de Bray said. END.